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REPORT MADE AT: : DATE: : PERIOD COVERED: : MADE BY:
Rome : 24 Sept 1946 : 12 Aug-10 Sept : SCI/Z/Milan

SUBJECT: Milan Newspaper Publication of Activities
of OSS Switzerland : STATUS:
: Closed

SOURCE: As stated

REFERENCE: Rome Cable 233 of 28 August 1946

COMMENT:

1. We attach herewith SCI/Z/Milan's report on the LAN-
FRANCHI series which appeared in the Corriere d'Informazione
(Milan) from 12 August to 10-11 September 1946.

2. The attachment to the report comprises:

- a) Results of interview with LANFRANCHI
- b) Complete series of the 12 articles

3. Comments are invited. Attention is invited to paras
13 and 15. The latter is self-explanatory. With regard to the
former, it is our view on the basis of the available evidence
that Baron PARILLI has played a considerable but unacknowledged
role in the whole affair.

EVALUATION: Reliable

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SUBJECT: Milan Newspaper Publication of Activities of
OSS Switzerland

1. In the Corriere d'Informazioni (Milan) of 12 August 1946, appeared the first of a series of articles dealing with the activities of OSS Switzerland and the related Partisan movement in Italy. Other articles followed, the fourth appearing on 16 August.

2. A few days after the appearance of the fourth article, Paul BLUM called from Switzerland stating that they had the first two(?) copies and were quite upset. He requested the following information as soon as possible:

- a) The total number of articles.
- b) Whether the material was to appear in book form.
- c) Ascertain the author.

3. This unit stated that it would get the above information and was also preparing a report covering the affair.

4. This unit detailed Lt. DE FRANCESCO to go to the Corriere for the above information without mentioning this unit if possible. The chief director, Guglielmo EMANUELE disclaimed knowledge of the details of the articles and sent for the author, LANFRANCHI. This latter was told that the articles did not meet with the entire approval of the Allies. LANFRANCHI said that the rest of the articles (#5 and on) did not contain further details of OSS but dealt mainly with the known history of the Italian Partisan movement.

5. In answer to the above, LANFRANCHI stated that the series was to consist of twelve articles. He stated that some material was given to him by Donald JONES. He stated that the Corriere did not have rights to the material but that it was exclusively his. He said that he did not have enough material for a book but that he intended to get more and would then consider writing a book. (The gist of this was cabled to Switzerland by SCI/Z/Rome).

6. Attachment includes information resulting from interview with LANFRANCHI (A), and a translated summary of each article (B) plus copies of the editions containing the articles.

7. Pending further instructions, SCI/Z/Milan confined itself to securing another interview with the author, obtaining the following information:

- a) LANFRANCHI was preparing a series of articles dealing with the surrender of the German forces in Italy. He

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had a list of the personnel connected with the surrender, led by the name of Baron PARILLI and followed by others, DULLES, JONES, WOLFF, ZIMMER, USMIANI, PARRI, etc. He also had copies of the Saturday Evening Post containing the Sunrise Operation (i.e. Forrest DAVIS) articles.

b) Next to appear in the Corriere is a series dealing with the Italian General Staff (apparently before and after the Armistice).

c) LANFRANCHI then stated that General ROATTA was seen in the vicinity of the MONDADORI Publishing House (refer Milan Press review for 15 June 1946). He states that the director of the MONDADORI is a personal friend of his and that he intended to get further information regarding ROATTA.

8. In a conversation with a member of SCI/Z/Milan shortly after Baron PARILLI, who in Rome had told BB8 and CB9 that no indiscretions had been committed in the LANFRANCHI articles, indicated that a new series of articles would shortly appear on Operation Sunrise. The Baron asked whether it could be ascertained whether BB8 wished something particular to be stressed in the series. BB8 advised that the series not be published in the form and manner contemplated.

9. On 7 September 1946 the C.O., SCI/Z/Milan, spoke with Guiglielmo EMANUEL, Chief Director of the Corriere d'Informazione, requesting him to submit the manuscripts of the articles dealing with the German surrender to SCI/Z/Milan before publication.

10. EMANUEL said that he would be quite willing to do so, but only on condition that the material be subjected to no censorship. He stated that he intended to publish the articles with no interference as there was no longer a control of the press. He stated that even a request for a change or deletion might receive unfavorable publicity.

11. The material in the projected series, he continued, contained practically nothing more than had already appeared in the Swiss press. The author might add a detail here and there but the bulk of his work would be a collating and rearrangement of previous publications. The Swiss papers, he pointed out had made public a great deal of material.

12. EMANUEL ended with the statement that he intended to guard jealously the "Freedom of the Press".

13. SCI/Z/Milan Comments: The impression of this office is that the articles were well prepared and that some preparations made to counteract any repercussions on the part of the Allies. As stated by LANFRANCHI, JONES gave him some of the

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material. The part played in this by PARILLI is not clear, although he states that he "could have stopped the publication". (On 10 May, PARILLI indicated, re para 8, above, that it was too late to hold off publication of the Sunrise series.)

14. On 5 September, the C.O., SCI/2/Milan, met (Colonel) CHIARAMONTI, Italian Infantry officer, former C.O. of the Infantry school at Modena, and father-in-law of Capt. PALUMBO of the Milan CS Office. He was source for the following:

- a) JONES was his personal friend.
- b) JONES had told him that the articles contained a number of inaccuracies.
- c) The Milan address of JONES is Piazza San Terasino, 6; telephone, 64115.
- d) At the time of this information (5 September), JONES was not in Milan, having gone to Switzerland.
- e) It is believed that the first clarification should be made by JONES, who is the source of at least part of the material.

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